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Prices continued to be unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and fast food demand was light to at times good with best movement centered on feature activity. Supplies were sufficient for current needs. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week. Offerings were adequate to tight with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type hen demand was fairly good with offerings short of needs. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to at times good, best for features. Feature noted was 1 dozen grade A large for 69 cents. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were slightly higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the mostly light to moderate demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-74	65-71
LARGE	63-73	64-67
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37
MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA		

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were present. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT		

### COMBINED REGIONAL

Dec 03, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	75.00	73.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	40.00
MIDWEST	68.00	65.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	76.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.90	72.08	39.57

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-07-04	11-30-04	12-09-03
Large	47-55	47-55	81-85
Medium	16-21	16-21	64-68

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - DECEMBER 06, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.4	16.1	11.6	15.2	12.0	65.3
	Change	0.1	0.6	3.9	1.4	-0.6	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	55.6	19.6	32.7	34.8	169.1
	Change	0.0	6.0	9.7	9.5	2.0	19%
Large	Curr Wk	61.2	151.5	90.6	159.2	113.7	576.2
	Change	-1.1	20.0	29.8	49.6	11.2	23%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	59.3	16.1	21.3	30.8	143.5
	Change	-1.1	-7.7	0.8	-1.8	-2.9	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	13.1	0.5	3.5	7.8	28.7
	Change	0.0	-33.2	-0.1	-3.4	1.4	-55%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	34.2	9.3	14.8	5.7	70.3
	Change	-0.6	1.3	-2.4	-1.0	-1.4	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.2	54.8	18.2	38.1	32.8	168.1
	Change	7.5	-1.9	1.7	-2.1	-1.8	2%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	148.3	384.6	165.9	284.8	237.6	1221.2
	Change	3%	-4%	35%	22%	3%	8%

### TOTAL

Number of  
Cases

Percent  
Change

Number of  
Cooperators

Shell Egg	1221.2	8%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.3	-2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1455.5	6%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 04-DEC-04**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,269,751	30,795	12,016	6,592	2,177	4,313
PW	1,108,920	27,686	10,374	5,441	1,811	3,885
LY	1,199,334	30,491	10,516	5,729	1,975	4,299
% CHG PWK	15	11	16	21	20	11
% CHG LY	6	1	14	15	10	0
2004	59,534,785	1,416,596	572,302	309,163	127,686	204,683
2003	56,116,750	1,380,863	504,876	274,734	109,158	200,549
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	13	17	2

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.30	42.73	42.55
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.91	39.23	38.97

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	NOV 27	DEC 04	NOV 27	DEC 04
	Thousand			
AL	29,233	29,704	20,715	20,604
AR	*30,922	30,902	*20,983	24,558
DE	3,815	3,467	*5,125	5,457
FL	*1,339	1,339	1,354	1,639
GA	*33,789	33,127	26,718	26,637
KY	7,014	7,036	*5,858	5,824
LA	3,979	3,984	4,208	3,821
MD	*8,736	8,753	*5,417	4,457
MS	19,540	19,249	16,631	16,887
NC	17,451	17,725	14,317	14,867
OK	*6,593	6,503	4,956	4,423
PA	*3,673	3,604	*2,818	2,789
SC	4,559	4,555	3,664	4,267
TX	*14,487	14,980	*12,427	12,074
VA	6,499	6,398	4,913	5,561
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,016	17,305	*16,578	17,152
19 State Total	*209,645	208,631	*166,682	171,017
Previous Year Total	208,986	204,662	164,561	167,566
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	101	102

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-Jan-05 is estimated at 155.5 million head. This compares to 152.2 million head the previous week and to 155.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.70 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/02/04-12/08/04

CURRENT LDS 91.00 FUTURE LDS 56.25 TOTAL LDS 147.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	50.75	52.00	50.75	53.50	51.00	52.00	53.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	54.50	6.00
GL W J	—	—	73.00	74.00	51.25	—	6.00
GL W XL	—	66.00	63.20	66.15	59.87	—	36.50
GL W LG	—	66.00	42.75	52.83	57.41	—	31.25
GL W MD	34.00	41.44	24.10	26.20	26.88	—	20.25
GL W SM	24.25	26.75	23.45	25.85	—	—	6.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	71.00	60.00	—	1.00
GL BR SM	—	—	19.25	20.25	—	—	.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	29.00	32.00	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.50	27.60	30.40	30.50	25.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.50	26.00	—	—	.25
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	20.00	22.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.88	23.38	—	—	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 04-DEC-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.3	28.3	-10	-16
BOSTON	3.6	3.7	-2	-6
CHICAGO	61.4	63.9	-4	1
DETROIT	25.2	28.2	-11	-1
KANSAS CITY	5.2	6.3	-18	29
LOS ANGELES	93.2	90.7	3	-6
NEW ORLEANS	7.2	7.1	0	-18
NEW YORK	30.0	30.5	-2	11
ST. LOUIS	14.4	22.0	-34	-16
SAN FRANCISCO	20.3	20.4	-0	-9
TOTAL	285.8	301.1	-5	-4
4 WK MOVING AVG	299.8			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 04-DEC-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,718	2,686	61	23	4,488
Avg Wt	15.61	37.47	25.14	31.66	28.90
Last week	844	1,516	8	15	2,383
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,841	69	1	4,835
Avg Wt	16.35	35.97	24.85	50.13	28.00
To-date/2004	83,660	123,050	2,465	352	209,527
To-date/2003	91,332	132,498	3,072	595	227,497

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 04-DEC-04

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	871	172	21.91	(A)	876	21.91
South Atlantic	714	90	33.00	(A)	719	33.00
North Central	1,988	54	33.34	(A)	1,993	33.34
South Central	524	185	21.46	(A)	528	21.46
West	368	90	23.92	(A)	372	23.92
U.S. total	4,465(B)	89	28.90	23	4,488	28.90

To-date

2004 209,175(B) 352 209,527

To-date

2003 226,902(B) 595 227,497

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 61,000; for the current year to date 2,465,000; for last year to date 3,072,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 04-Dec-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	162,589	1,413	1,465	2,878	565
Avg Wt	5.41	3.29	7.91	5.64	6.82
Last week	117,717	796	747	1,543	402
Same wk yr ago	154,912	1,399	1,437	2,836	394
Avg Wt	5.45	3.78	8.01	5.92	6.62
To-date/2004	7,510,737	65,378	65,182	130,560	22,596
To-date/2003	7,384,477	68,079	67,383	135,462	19,811

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.6 million head, or 9.3 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-04

	CURRENT WEEK 12/11/04(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/04/04
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	166,469(2)	162,481
Light hens	1,593	1,409
Heavy hens	1,349	1,423
Total	169,411	165,313

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Dec-04 is 155.8 million head compared to 155.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.8 million head or 11.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Dec-04 the estimated available is 154.3 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October 30	162.5	163.4	99%	5.33
November 6	161.5	162.0	100%	5.32
13	163.9	159.1	103%	5.30
20	158.0	154.1	103%	5.28
27	119.1	153.1	78%	5.27
December 4	164.6	155.3	106%	5.41
Year to date	7602.0	7731.8	98%	
December 11		155.8		
18		154.3		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 06-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.76	41	63.42	75
Los Angeles	80.00	78.28	68	71.08	162
New York	63.00-65.00	64.08	25	65.67	68

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
06-DEC-2004	29-NOV-2004	29-NOV-2004	08-DEC-2003	
67.48	-.95	68.43	66.01	
NUMBER OF LOADS	622			

**Monthly weighted average price for R.T.C. broiler/fryers**

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
November	68.08	2560.20

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-80	79-80
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	70-72	71	71.00	320
CENTRAL REGION	70-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS** - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 12/06/04	3,767	66,184	60,258
AM 11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
CHG	-406	-72769	-5046
PCT CHG	-10%	-52%	-8%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of Oct 31, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on Dec 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	16 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	235 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	738 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 06-Dec-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.01
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-11.5	11.14

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

03-Dec-04	REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-9	7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-5	

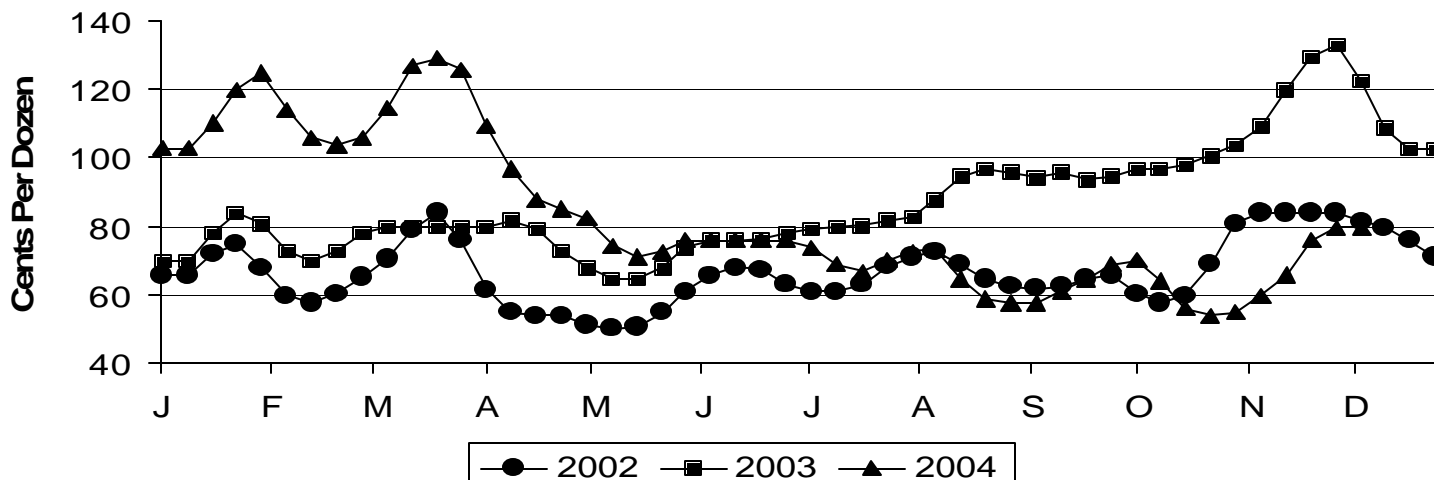
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 04-Dec-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM
REGIONS		PW LY
North Atlantic	248.9	-3 13
East North Central	599.7	1 11
West North Central	284.5	-3 0
South Atlantic	234.7	1 5
South Central	70.7	-5 1
West	183.4	-2 0
Total	1621.9	-1 6

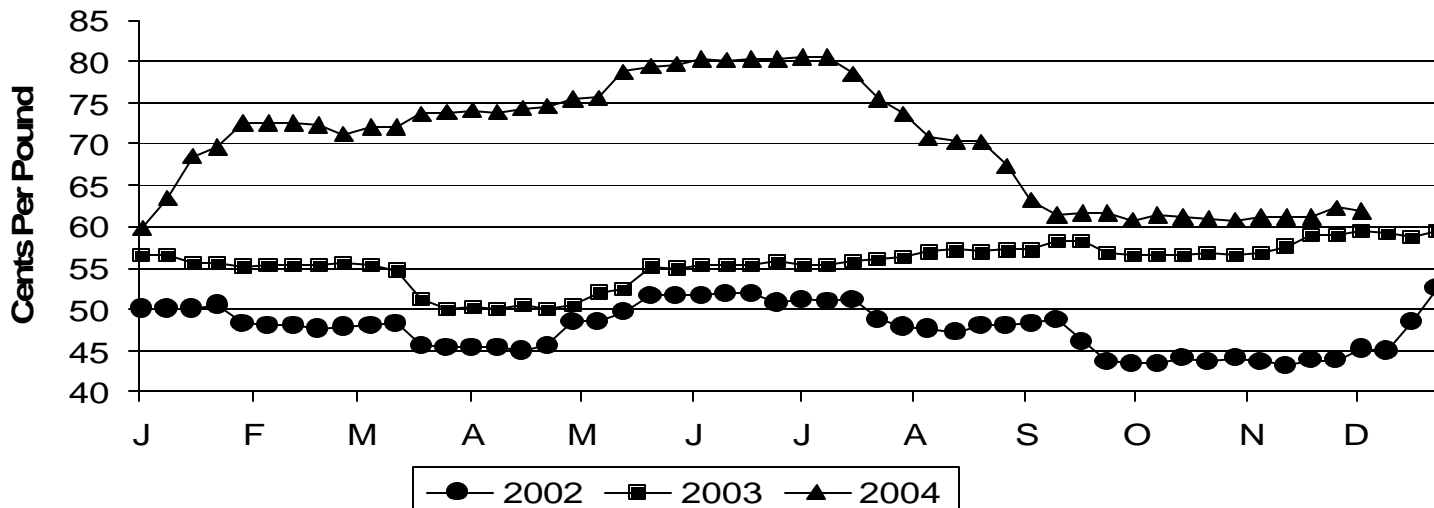
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86  
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

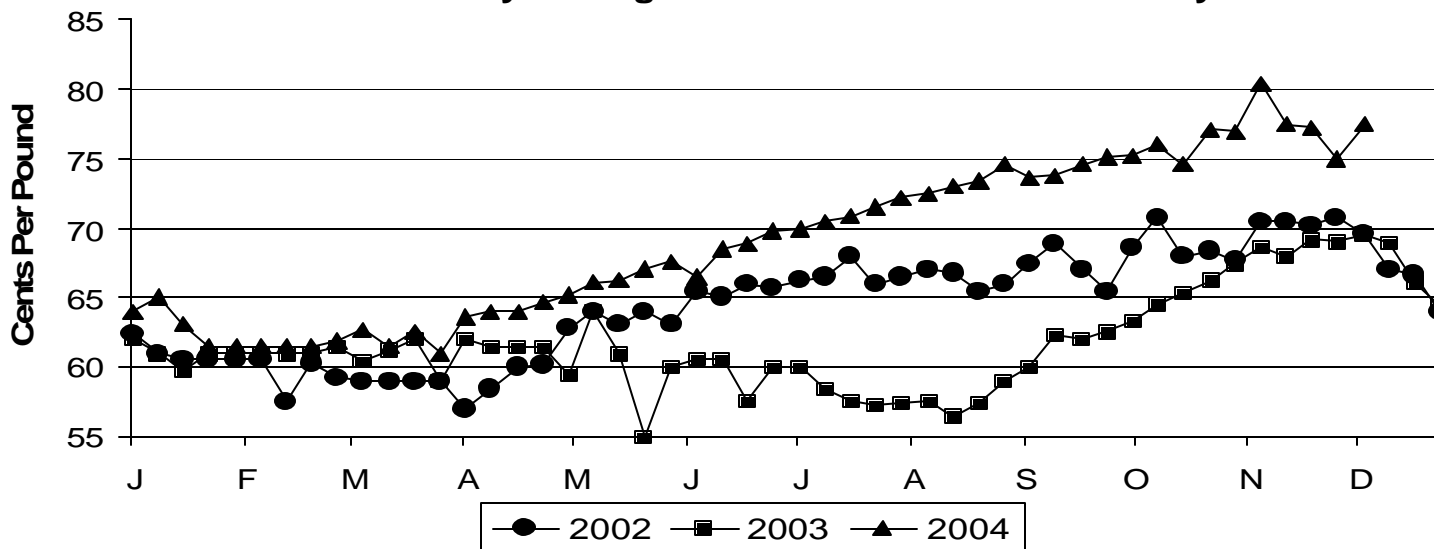
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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